



## Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Tourism Workshops

### Combining Fisheries or Aquaculture, and Tourism, for a Little More Cash in Everyone's Pockets

Belfast on Dec 11, 2013 at Hutchinson center (5-8 pm with pizza)

Machias on Dec 12, 2013 at Machias Savings Bank Community Room (5-8 pm with pizza)

Portland on Dec 13, 2013 at USM Abromson Building (1-4 pm with snacks)

An informative session on how commercial fisherman and aquaculturists can tap into the tourism industry – and vice versa – to diversify everyone's sources of income. Featuring guest speakers on the important legal issues of running a tour on your boat or on your farm, the ways in which seafood producers can build relationships with tour operators, and restaurant owners and innkeepers to enhance their respective businesses, and more.

#### Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions (15 mins)
- Legal framework of fisheries and aquaculture tourism (Scott Gunst, Attorney with Reeves McEwing LLP) (1 hr with Q&A)
- Stories from the field (20-25 mins)
  - Belfast: TBD
  - Machias: Stefanie Alley, Lobsterboat Tours, Isleford.
  - Portland: Chris Sherman, Island Creek Oyster Company. Duxbury, MA
- Food break (15 mins)
- Tourism opportunities (10 mins)
  - Belfast: Liz Lodge/Kathy Goldner (Penobscot Marine Museum and Experience Maritime Maine)
  - Machias: Jen Peters (Sunrise County Economic Council and DownEast and Acadia Regional Tourism), and Crystal Hitchings (Bold Coast Scenic Byway)
  - Portland: Phil Savignano (Maine Office of Tourism)
- Discussion and Q&A with resources people (45 mins), including possibly: DMR/Marine Patrol, Coast Guard, insurance reps, fisheries and aquaculture industry reps, tourism reps, and other participants. This session is intended to be interactive so that participants can explore ideas to grow fisheries and aquaculture-related tourism, and get more information about their particular situations or region of the coast.

For more information and fact sheets on the topics to be covered, and to register:

<http://www.seagrant.umaine.edu/fisheries-tourism>

